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The success of your club's newsletter is dependent in part on what is submitted for publication. Please, if you have something to share send it to the editor. We are always looking for positive input, so why don't you drop me a line today!



Fifty-Year Member

It's not often that a club can claim a member who has belonged for half a century, but RPA can. On December 10th **MARK HULL**, seemed pleasantly surprised when the club presented him with a plaque acknowledging his fifty years of membership in Rochester Philatelic Association.

Mark joined the club in 1948, and recalled giving rides to some of the founding members. He held several offices, chaired ROPEX, and was instrumental in bringing outside speakers for RPA programs, such as Jacques Schiff, who now operates a philatelic auction house.

Now that he has moved back to Rochester, Mark has been active with several club events, volunteering when asked at ROPEX and the Mall events.

The evening was topped off with cake – appropriately decorated for the occasion – and cider, and socializing.

WELCOME

PLEASE WELCOME TWO NEW

RPA MEMBERS:

JOHN PICARELLA,

OF NAPLES, N.Y. AND

ANTHONY H. LABRUM

OF PITTSFORD,

APS Nominations

RPA members voted to provide seconding nominations for two members running for officers in the American Philatelic Society. Ann Triggles is running for director-at-large, and Nancy Z. Clark is seeking the treasurer's post.

The club also seconded the nomination of Janet Klug for APS secretary.

Current RPA Officers

President- Tom Fortunato

Vice President- Ed Kawasaki

Treasurer- Dave Roehrig

Corresponding Secretary & Librarian- Joe Doles

Recording Secretary- Jim Piecuch

Immediate RPA Past President- Paul Gerwitz

Board of Governors

Rick Kase (term expires June 30, 1999)

Chuck Schultz (term expires June 30, 2000)

Ray Stone (term expires June 30, 2001)

Membership Chairperson- Florence Wright

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters is at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, on the corner of East Avenue and Vick Park B, across from the George Eastman House. A buy/sell/trade hour runs from 7-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

ROPEX JUDGES for 1999 - Who are they?

Chairman - Bill Bauer,

he's a member of RPA and lives in Unadilla, NY. His primary philatelic interest is postal history, especially of Colorado. He is a most distinguished local, national and international judge and travels widely in his pride & joy (a 4 wheeled vehicle). He is a previous President of the APS.

Roger Schnell, MD

His home is Fort Lauderdale, so let's hope we have some snow to greet him in March! His philatelic interests are very broad from traditional to postal stationery and he judges at all levels. While he has the distinction of having won many international awards with his exhibits, yet he still has fun with stamps, always trying new things.

Stan Luft

Coming from Golden, Colorado I'm sure he's seen more snow than ever we have in western NY. Stan's chief philatelic interests lie in Europe, particularly in France and he has written widely in this field. Some of our local collectors have been correspondents with Stan for some years.

Paul Phillips, Ph.D

Although Paul is now a resident of Tennessee, he is originally from the north of England. Last year he exhibited his postal history of Carlisle at ROPEX and is also well versed as a judge.

John Powell, Ph.D

His home is Edmonton (in Alberta, Canada). He is an international judge and also cross accredited to judge in USA and Australian national shows. His interests in traditional philately and postal history are very wide. We are very pleased that he is a member of the

ROPEX 99 panel.

Tom Fortunato, Apprentice

Tom's ability in the field of Thematics is well known and with his interest in world wide stamps and the continuing broadening of his philatelic background Tom will be an asset to this and any jury. ROPEX 99 is Tom's second apprenticeship. Tom is currently President of RPA - one of Rochester's own.

Jeff Shapiro, Apprentice

Jeff's home is in Mass. He has exhibited previously at our Show and we are pleased to welcome him back. Jeff's specialty is US stamps and their traditional treatment and this will be his second apprenticeship too.

When a jury is chosen, we look for other attributes besides philatelic ability and balance. Sociability with each other & with the exhibitors is very important coupled with reputations for hard work, both in the preparation for our particular exhibits in the weeks before and at the Show.

ROPEX 99 has good jury team and should do us well

Ann Triggie
School of Pharmacy
State University of New York at Buffalo

COME TO THE AUCTION AT ROPEX

The annual ROPEX auction will be held on Saturday morning March 20 starting at 9AM in the basement of the Diplomat. Lots will be available for viewing starting at 8:20AM. RPA members are encouraged to submit lots for the auction to Ed Kawasaki or any board member, preferably in advance. Members may submit up to 5 lots. Each lot should have a \$5 (or higher) minimum bid. RPA will collect an auction fee of 10% of the sales price or a \$1 fee for unsold lots. Plan on attending this exciting event!

UNPA COMING TO ROPEX

ROPEX'99 is very pleased to welcome the United Nations Philatelic Administration back to Rochester after an absence of a few years. Representing the UNPA will be Jill Kearns, Chief of the UNPA, and Roger Lyons, UNPA Stamp Show Coordinator. They'll be bring a "first day" to the "Flower City" with them as well!

ROPEX'99 opens the same day as the big international show, AUSTRALIA 99, being held in Melbourne. Both cities will play host to ceremonies honoring the UN's latest stamp issue, "UNESCO World Heritage- Australia." This is an ongoing series of commemorative stamps publicizing cultural gems around the world. All sites are officially recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization through their World Heritage List

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TIME FOR TOPICALS

The January-February *Topical Time* has arrived, chock full of fascinating articles about guppies, tramp steamers and freighters, and food (on stamps).

Check out the magazine at our library and read all about it!

The American Topical Association is gearing up for a 50th anniversary bash and topical stamp show, slated for July 30-Aug. 1, 1999 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Stay tuned for more details in future Hinges and Tongs.

ROPEX'99 EXHIBITS PREVIEW

Visitors to ROPEX '99 will be able to view the usual assortment of fine exhibits, catering to just about any philatelic interest. Of special note this year are:

--Not one but two exhibits of the United Nations First Issue - fits in well with our UN First Day Ceremony!

--An exhibit entitled "The Civil War Sun Picture Tax." Should be of special interest in George Eastman's home city.

--A one-frame exhibit of "Weird Stuff: Unusual Modern First Day Covers"; Rick, Brad, Chuck--this one's for you!

--"Austro-Hungarian Bug Flotilla Mail 1916-18." Did they really use insects to carry the mail? The answer, unfortunately, is less exotic, but it sounds like an interesting exhibit anyway.

--"Way Out West." Did anybody else grow up listening to Roy

Rogers and Gene Autry on the radio? Then there was Tom Mix, the Lone Ranger... Was that the REAL Old West? I sure thought so when I was ten years old. Maybe this exhibit will help me sort it all out.

--An exhibit about the life and songs of Woody Guthrie, you know, the guy who wrote "This Land Is Your Land" and about a thousand other songs. Look for the exhibitor's picture in this exhibit!

--LOTS of exhibits by children ranging in age from eight to fourteen. We have three exhibits by eight-year-olds this year. Give them all the encouragement you can - these are the philatelists who will buy your collection when it's time for you to sell. And do the hard work of running stamp clubs in 2040. Whatever "the future of philately" means, they're it!

See you at the frames!
Ada Prill

Are You an Active Member?

By Karen Weigt

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"To be an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
You're more than just contented,
That your name is on the list.

You attend all the meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
You always greet the others,
With praise and never knock.

You take an active part,
To help the work along,
You're one who's always seeking,
To do more than just belong.

You work on committees,
To keep the club running slick,
You do the work that's needed,
And don't complain and pick.

You come to meetings often,
And help with hand and heart,
You're more than just a member,
And take an active part.

Think this over, members,
You know what's right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?"

I found a version of this verse in a 1989 issue of The Postrider, newsletter of the Central Coast Stamp Club. Since the author was cited as "unknown," I took the liberty of making some changes to try to neutralize the negative tone of the original text.

Guilt trips often don't go very far when it comes to getting members involved. In fact, they might even be construed as a form of criticism, which drives people away. A more effective means of "activating" a member is through thanks and praise. Think about it; there's inevitably something positive you can find about your most deadbeat member. Focus on that positive and approach that person with encouragement. It just might work.

An additional benefit of focusing on the positive is that it tends to lighten frustrations. This is, after all, a hobby club and not everyone is capable at all times to participate on an active basis.

Neither does everyone possess equal talents for performing needed tasks. I can operate a computer and produce a newsletter, but heaven help the club for which I might volunteer to serve as treasurer!

For the most part, I believe that everyone pitches in to a certain extent. What would I do without those who come forth to carry boxes from my car on the days when my youth group meets. Then, there are those who take the time to merely lend an ear while I'm trying to brainstorm an idea. Moral support is an important contribution, too.

You've read this far? I appreciate your interest- thanks and praise!

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ROCHESTER'S RS STAMP SHOW

RED MEN'S PARTY HOUSE

1001 LEXINGTON AVENUE (Off Mt. Read Blvd.)

February 27 & 28, 1999

Sat; 10-5 Sun; 10-4

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GIVE A LITTLE GET A LOT

If you are still in the giving spirit from the holidays just past, here's a real direction that spirit can take.

Stamps for the Wounded is looking for your extra stamps and philatelic material, U.S. or foreign. **John Hotchner**, an RPA member and vice-president of SFTW urges us to contribute whatever we can to provide activity, entertainment and a possible new hobby to men and women in more than 130 Veterans' hospitals and convalescent centers throughout the U.S.

Stamps and covers can open a new world for these hospitalized veterans, and help fight enforced idleness, boredom and loneliness that many of them experience. If we can donate our extra or duplicate stamps and covers, we might save another vet from doing nothing by "stare at white ceilings . . . and dark futures."

John points out that

Stamps for the Wounded is a 100 percent volunteer organization, operating as a service of the Lions International Stamp Club. It was founded in 1942 responding to an appeal from Armed Services Hospitals, and in a few years extended its scope nationwide. SFTW members are philatelists who collect and distribute these items to wounded servicemen for their recreation and therapy — none are paid for their service.



SFTW is not affiliated with the government, but is recognized by the American Red Cross, the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, and every U.S. president since the organization's founding.

Now that you've decided to contribute, here are some suggestions:

1. Leave a quarter-inch margin of paper around each stamp you tear off or cut from envelopes or packages. Don't soak them off or sort into packets — that is part of the activity for the hospitalized collector.
2. However, do divide them into three groups (if you have time): cancelled U.S., uncanceled U.S., and foreign.
3. Package them securely and send to **John Hotchner**, P.O.Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041 or **Dennis Clark**, SFTW sec'y-treas., P.O.Box 297 Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Or if you need further information, contact either of these men.

Donations to SFTW are tax exempt. If you need a tax receipt, include a value estimate in your package along with your name and address.

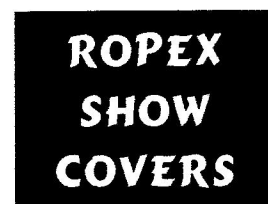
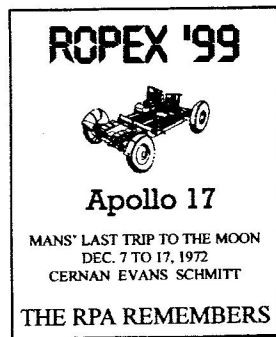
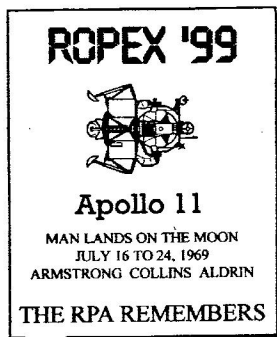
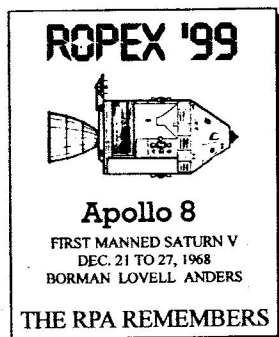
Remember, when you give a package of stamps and covers to someone who was injured while protecting your freedom, you get a lot in return;

ACE COVERS

ACE: is it a playing card? A fighter pilot? An expert? Or something outstanding. To **George Hill** (ACE Vice-president) and **Paul Gerwitz**, it means something definitely outstanding as it stands for **Art Cover Exchange**. They told us that preparing and exchanging handmade covers is for them both challenging and satisfying.

Covers of all descriptions were shown on slides, as well as each member's albums of their own collections. George related that he enjoys using his computer to create the designs and pictures on his covers, while Paul prefers doing his in a "handmade" fashion.

The Art Cover Exchange is a worldwide organization and exists solely for philatelic exchange. Anyone looking for more information can call George or Paul — they'd be glad for another recruit or two! Other RPA members that belong and would also be able to help you get info are **Ada Prill** and **Joe Doles**. Joe is the current ACE Treasurer. Other RPA members belonging to ACE are: **Audrey Pankratz**, **Irma Whitbeck**, and **Jim Curry**.



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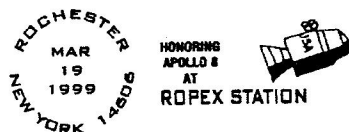
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Feb 5-7 Buffalo BUFPEX'99

Sponsored by the Buffalo Stamp Club. VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave. Hours: Fri; 1-9, Sat; 10-6, Sun; 10-4. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes. FREE

Feb 14 Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show

Bourse. American Legion Hall, E Taft Road, 3/4 miles E of I-81, exit 28. Hours: 10-4. FREE

Feb 13-14 Collector's Expo '99

BPO Elks Lodge No. 346, 1805 3rd Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. Sponsored by Niagara Frontier Coin Club. Bourse hours are: Sat; 10AM -5AM, Sun; 9AM -4PM. FREE

Feb 27-28 Rochester, RS Stamp Show

Red Men's Party House, 1001 Lexington Avenue (off Mt. Read Blvd). Hours: Sat; 10-5, Sun; 10-4. Bourse.

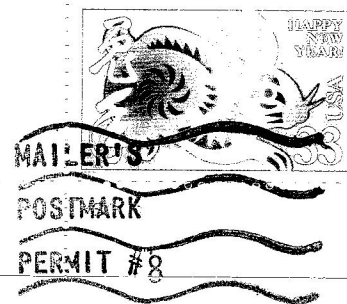
March 19-21 ROPEX'99

Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way, Gates, NY. Hours: Fri; 10AM-46PM, Sat; 10AM-

RPA MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 11	Rick Kase "Scales"
Feb 25	Joe Doles et al. LIVE AUCTION
Mar 11	Every Member a Dealer Night
Mar 19-21	ROPEX
Mar 25	Jim Bell Errors, Freaks and Oddities
	APS PA Post Office Murals of the 30's and 40's
Apr 8	Ray Stone Quiz Night
Apr 22	APS Tonga Tin Can Mail
May 13	Florence Wright Topical Night: Women on Stamps
May 27	APS International Organizations on Stamps
Jun 10	Business Meeting
Jun 24	Strawberry Fest

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